Numb. 3684

The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

From Thursday February 27. to Monday March 3. 1700.

By the KING, A PROCLAMATION.

WILLIAM R.

WHereas We have been Informed, That great Quantities of Arms, and other Provisions of War, are prepared and kept Concealed by Papists and other Disaffected Persons, who Disown Our Government, and that such Persons have lately, in great Numbers, Resorted to, and Assembled in the Cities of London and Westminster, contrary to the known Laws of this Kingdom: We therefore, upon the humble Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, have thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do hereby Strictly Charge and Command all Popish Recusants, Natives or Denizens, being above the Age of Sixteen Years, That they do, according to the Statutes in that behalf made, Repair to their respective Places of Abode, and if they have none, then to the Places where their respective Father or Mother is or shall be dwelling, and not hereafter Remove or Pass above Five Miles from thence. And We do hereby Command the Lord Mayor of London, and all other Justices of the Peace, and other Officers within the Cities of London and Westminster, and Ten Miles of the same, That they do effectually proceed to put in Execution the Statute made in the First Year of Our Reign, and of Our late Royal Consort Queen Mary of Blessed Memory, Intituled, An Act for the Amoving Papists and Reputed Papists from the Cities of London and Westminster, and Ten Miles distance from the same, by Tendring to them the Declaration therein mentioned, and otherwise according to the said Act. And We do likewise Charge and Command the aforesaid, and all other Justices of the Peace whatsoever, That they do in like manner put in Execution one other Act made also in the First Year of Our Reign and the said late Queen, Intituled, An Act for the better Securing the Government by Disarming Papists and Reputed Papists, and that they do Tender to them the Declaration aforesaid, and Seize, or cause to be Seized for Our Use all Arms, Weapons, Gunpowder, Ammunition, and Horses, that shall be, contrary to that Act, kept or concealed by any Papist, or reputed Papist, who shall refuse or neglect to Make, Repeat and Subscribe the said Declaration, as by the said Act is Appointed. And We do hereby Charge and Require all the Lieutenants and Deputy Lieutenants, within the several Counties of this Kingdom, and the Dominion of Wales, That they do cause diligent Search to be made for Arms in the Custody or Possession of any Persons, whom they shall Judge Dangerous to the Peace of the Kingdom, and to Seize and Secure such Arms according to Law. And for the Encouragement of such Persons as shall Discover any concealed Arms, Ammunition, or other Provisions of War, belonging to any Papist, or reputed Papist, refusing or neglecting to Make and Subscribe the said Declaration, as aforesaid, so as the same may be Secured and Seized; We do hereby Promise and Declare, That the Person or Persons, making such Discovery, shall receive as a Reward, over and above the Reward he or they shall be Intituled to by the last mentioned Act, such Sum of Money as the Arms, so Discovered, shall be worth; which Sum the Commissioners of Our Treasury are hereby Required and Directed to pay accordingly. And for the better Discovering of Persons Disaffected to the Government, and that, being Discovered, their Disloyal and Wicked Purposes and Attempts may be Disappointed, We do Strictly Charge and Command all Justices of the Peace and other Officers in that behalf Authorized, That where they shall find or be informed of any Person, who by reason of his Conversation, Discourse or other Demeanour, shall be Suspected not to be Well-affected to Our Government, they do effectually put in Execution an Act made in the Seventh and Eighth Years of Our Reign, Intituled, An Act for the better Security of His Majesties Royal Person and Government, by Summoning the said Persons, and Tendring to them the Oaths by the said Act appointed to be taken, and in case of Refusal or Neglect of Appearance, to proceed further against such Offenders, according to the Directions of the said Act; It being Our Pleasure, That the Laws be Executed to the utmost against such Offenders. And We do hereby Charge and particularly Require all Deputy Lieutenants and Justices of the Peace, That they do meet Monthly, to Inquire into and Inform themselves of the Affairs of their respective Counties and Divisions in relation to the Premisses, and take special Care to Preserve the Peace, and Prevent all Unlawful Meetings and Assemblies, and that from time to time they give Information of their Proceedings and Discoveries to the Lords of Our Privy Council.

Given at Our Court at *Kensington* the Twenty sixth Day of *February*, 170$\frac{0}{1}$. In the Thirteenth Year of Our Reign.

Vienna, Feb. 23. *N. S.* The Levies for the Emperor's Service go on very successfully. Several of the General Officers who are to command the Imperial Forces in *Italy*, are on their Departure for the Country of *Tirol*, where part of the said Forces are already arrived. The Imperial Regiments designed to the *Rhine*, are on their March. The Cardinal of *Lamberg* is going in Quality of the Emperor's Commissioner to the Diet of *Ratisbonne*.

Francfort, March 2. Levies are making in these Parts for the Service of the Emperor, the Elector Palatine, and other Princes of *Germany*. Great Magazines of Provisions and Ammunition are provided at *Philipsburgh*, *Friburgh*, and *Brisac*; And one of the Imperial Regiments is arrived in the Country of *Suabia*, and others are on their march likewise towards the *Rhine* from the Emperor's Hereditary Countries.

Brussels, March 7. The Count *de Schelick* arrived here the 3d Instant with the Character of Envoy Extraordinary from the Emperor, and the day following had Audience of the Elector of *Bavaria*; 'Tis said, the Emperor desires to know the Elector's Intentions in relation to the present Juncture of Affairs. Several *French* Battalions are marching towards *Tillemont*, and Quarters are assigned for them in the Villages thereabouts; The *French* do provide a great Train of Artillery. Orders are given for raising 75 Companies of Foot, 30 Troops of Horse, and 9 of Dragoons, for the Service of these Countries, to strengthen the Regiments already on foot, whereof each Company is to be made up from 30 to 50 Men, and each Troop from 25 to 30.

Paris, March 5. *N. S.* They continue to work with an extraordinary Diligence on the fitting out of the Fleet in the several Ports of this Kingdom, and the last week 12 Men of War sailed from *Rochefort* to *Brest*, commanded by Monsieur *de Coetlogon*. The Colonels are all ordered to their respective Posts, as the Inferior Officers have been some time since. The Officers that have not their Companies compleat by the 25th of this Month, will be broke, which makes them press Men into the Service in all Parts of *France*. The *French* Forces draw together in great Numbers towards the *Spanish Gelderland*, and 3800 Horses are bought up for the Service of the Artillery. The King's Letter to the States in Answer to their Compliment of Felicitation, was delivered to the *Dutch* Ambassador here, and sent by him yesterday by Express to the *Hague*. The Constable of *Castile*, Ambassador Extraordinary from *Spain*, is to make